

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. As participants become ready, they celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the next Easter Vigil. Prayer, small-group discussion, question and answer sessions, and teaching on basic faith concepts and practices are highlights of this process. Please contact Wayne Efferson for more information.

Youth Ministry

for Gr. 9-12

For 2011-2012 we welcome Peter Leitermann to our staff. Peter will divide his full time ministry between Nativity Parish and St. Agnes Parish. Our parish also participates in West Side Collaborative Youth Ministry, a new eight parish effort to provide a broad-based, comprehensive ministry for youth. Specifically at Nativity, the youth group will continue to meet on Wednesdays during the 2011-'12 school year. Meetings include social time, prayer, and group discussion about matters of faith. Past youth activities have included trips to Steubenville North and Alive In You youth conferences and service experiences. For more information, contact Peter Leitermann.

Early Childhood Church Time

4yr olds thru Kindergarten

Church Time is a Sunday Gospel-based, fun-filled, activity packed lesson that takes place during the 10:15 AM Mass. It is designed for children who are at least 4 years old, but not yet in first grade. Your child will explore the Sunday readings at an age-appropriate level, guided by Gospel helpers. Church Time runs weekly from October through May (see the Faith Formation Calendar).

Home Study

for Gr. 1-10

This option is offered to accommodate households whose schedules do not allow them to participate in the Parish Gatherings or Religion Education Sessions.

Guided by parents and using the designated textbooks or other learning materials, children and youth complete a prescribed curriculum. The initial meeting and due dates can be found on the Faith Formation Calendar.

First Communion Preparation Process

Children who are in Gr. 2 or older are welcome to prepare for this sacrament. The process includes family meetings at church and study and activities completed at home. An invitation will be mailed to parents of baptized children in December.

First Reconciliation Preparation Process

Families with children in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade are invited to prepare for and celebrate this sacrament. Further information about the process will be mailed directly to families in August.

Confirmation Preparation Process

Gr. 11

In response to the call of the Holy Spirit, about 50 high school juniors will prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Small-group classroom sessions for youth take place Wednesdays as part of the Religion Education program. Youth attend a retreat and take part in service opportunities. Youth and their sponsors meet at the end of the process with a catechist or pastoral team member to discuss how they have grown in faith. The Faith Formation calendar lists specific times and dates.

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Nativity Parish Faith Formation

Programs & Offerings
Children, Youth & Adults

2011-2012





An Invitation from the Faith Formation Staff

We welcome you to another year of faith formation! Through these offerings we aim to provide life-long faith formation for children, youth, and adults. At the same time we recognize the great faith and knowledge of the Lord already present in you! We see it when...

...parents bring their children to Mass;
...catechists share their faith on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings;
...grandparents bring their grandchildren to sacrament meetings;
...youth meet with mentors at youth group;
...families gather in Bona Hall for a service day.

In these and so many other ways, we appreciate being able to partner with you to bring the Good News of Jesus to our community!


Parish Gatherings & Service Experiences

'11-'12 Theme:
Catholic Practices

These sessions are for all parish members of all ages. Children, youth, and adults participate together. All households are welcome - those with or without children, singles, grandparents, young adults...

Gatherings take place Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Beginning with a meal and followed by a variety of learning activities, discussion and prayer, you'll explore an important theme of our faith in depth. See the Faith Formation Calendar for dates and times.

Service Experiences are held twice yearly, challenging us to put our faith into action. They include work at service agencies in the Green Bay area and at homes of parish members, along with projects completed at the parish and donated to those in need. The fall service experience is combined with the Family Life Commission's annual Advent Wreath workshop.



Religion Education Sessions for Gr. 1-10 and Confirmation (Gr. 11)

Fourteen weekly, classroom-based sessions are offered October 4 to March 21. Children and youth will meet with their catechist in small groups. Textbooks and other prescribed materials will be followed.

Parents, other adults of the parish, and high school youth are needed to serve as catechists and catechist aides, substitute catechists, safety monitors, attendance and prayer checkers, etc. A detailed list of volunteer roles is provided on the registration form.

Gr. 1-5 children will meet on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. See the Faith Formation Calendar for session dates.

Gr. 6 - 10 youth and Confirmation Candidates will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. See the Faith Formation Calendar for session dates.

Adult Faith Formation Offerings

Through the year, Nativity Parish offers a variety of adult faith formation opportunities. Several are described here and listed on the Faith Formation Calendar. Watch the weekly bulletin and Nativity Star newsletter for additional opportunities.

West Side Green Bay Parishes Retreat In collaboration with the other Catholic parishes on the west side of Green Bay, Nativity offers a one-day retreat each July. A separate brochure provides full information about the retreat—directors and themes change yearly.

Second Friday for Seniors is offered monthly in collaboration with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Topics may be of special interest to seniors, but the sessions are open to all adults. The presentations follow 9:00 am Mass and include a continental breakfast. Location rotates between Seton and Nativity—watch the bulletin for details.

Men and Women's Night Out is an annual event for singles and couples offered by the West Side Green Bay Catholic parishes. Join us at the Rock Garden Supper Club for an inspiring and faith-filled presentation, paired with a delicious dinner, conversation, and fellowship.



Adult Faith Formation Offerings continued

Soup and Substance is a long standing Lenten tradition at Nativity. A simple meal of soup, rolls and dessert is served, followed by a speaker who addresses a Lenten topic. Strengthen your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving by attending these sessions. See the Faith Formation calendar for dates.

Seder Meal
This event, held annually on Wednesday of Holy Week, is a Christian presentation based on the traditional Jewish Seder. It recalls the Exodus of the Hebrew people and their liberation from enslavement as detailed in Scripture. This moving story is followed by a wonderful meal with your choice of lamb or chicken.



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass is a five week study of the Mass and its Scriptural roots, to be offered on Mondays beginning September 12, 2011. Wondering about the new translation of the Mass, beginning Advent, 2011? This Bible Study will provide an explanation of the new Mass parts Catholics will be using. Want to have a better understanding of the Mass and its basis in Scripture? Watch the bulletin and website for more information!